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Report Highlights:

In March, 2003, Burma exported 70,011 metric tons of beans and pulses, down some 22 percent from same month last year. India took 87 percent of the exports.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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TRADE

During March, 2003, Burma exported 70,011 metric tons of beans and pulses with no exports of beans and pulses via border trade. In March, Toor Whole (pigeon pea) comprised 36 percent, Matpe 26 percent, and Mung beans 15 percent of the total beans and pulses export. The major destination was India who took 87 percent of the total exports. There was a decrease of 22 percent in March exports compared to the same month of the previous year.

Belgium - a total of 22 metric tons of beans and pulses exported:
22 mt of Brown beans

Czech - a total of 45 metric tons of beans and pulses exported:
45 mt of Kidney beans

Egypt - a total of 2,252 mt of beans and pulses exported:
2,252 mt of Black eye beans

India - a total of 61,496 mt of beans and pulses exported:
15,813 mt of Black Matpe
5,075 mt of Chick peas
1,299 mt of Kidney beans
9,848 mt of Mung beans
25,158 mt of Toor whole
3,751 mt of Black eye beans
115 mt of Bamboo beans
345 mt of Brown beans
92 mt of Various beans

Indonesia - a total of 138 mt of beans and pulses exported
69 mt of Black Eye beans
69 mt of Brown beans

Italy - a total of 110 mt of beans and pulses exported:
110 mt of Small white beans

Japan - a total of 426 mt of beans and pulses exported:
40 mt of Black Matpe
366 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)
20 mt of Bocate beans

Korea - a total of 40 metric tons of beans and pulses exported:
40 mt of Black Eye beans

Malaysia - a total of 144 mt of beans and pulses exported:

80 mt of Black Eye beans
64 mt of Black Matpe

Netherlands - a total of 263 mt of beans and pulses exported:

219 mt of Black Eye beans
44 mt of Kidney beans

Pakistan - a total of 3,156 mt of beans and pulses exported:

115 mt of Bamboo beans
456 mt of Black Eye beans
1,598 mt of Black Matpe
757 mt of Chick peas
230 mt of Kidney beans

Phillippines - a total of 24 mt of beans and pulses exported:

24 mt of Bamboo beans

Portugal - a total of 69 mt of bans and pulses exported:

69 mt of Black eye beans

Singapore - a total of 114 mt of beans and pulses exported:

4 mt of Bamboo beans
110 mt of Black Matpe

Sri Lanka - a total of 115 mt of beans and pulses exported:

69 mt of Chick peas
46 mt of Mung beans.

UAE - a total of 1,190 mt of beans and pulses exported:

159 mt of Black Eye beans
801 mt of Black Matpe
230 Mung beans

United Kingdom - a total of 341 mt of beans and pulses exported:

341 mt of Mung beans

Uruguay - a total of 66 mt of beans and pulses exported:

66 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)

Beans and Pulses Exports(mt)	2002	2003
January	56,238	43,885
February	71,161	65,471
March	89,864	70,011
April	110,323	
May	127,052	
June	87,163	
July	102,306	
August	80,651	
September	94,296	
October	81,810	
November	49,477	
December	27,193	
TOTAL	977,534	179,367
Others*	----	
GRAND TOTAL		

**=export shipments not covered elsewhere*

Prices

Export prices set for beans and prices by Price Appraisal Committee that met on February, 2003 are: FAQ = Fair Average Quality SQ = Standard Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$255-195

Matpe (SQ) US\$345-230

Mung beans (Pedesein) (FAQ) US\$406-275

Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ) US\$355-278

Toor whole (Pesingon) (FAQ) US\$300-210

Domestic market situations

The beans and pulses market remains depressed due to the financial crisis centered in the twenty private banks since the second week of February. It was further dampened by the private banks calling for 50 percent repayment of all loans at the end of March. The prices of all beans and pulses remains depressed except for Matpe, which slightly recovered in the last week of March. Due to limited supply of cash in hand there was little trading or none at all in beans and pulses as most of the wholesale traders tried to sell off their stocks in order to recover cash, but met with no buyers. Prices of beans and pulses will remains depressed due to the limited supply of cash in hand among the traders. Trade sources confirmed that there is about at least 500,000 to 700,000 metric tons of beans and pulses old crop in hand , and with the new crop already in the market, traders are finding it hard to dispose of the old crop due to a weak domestic market and depressed prices.

End of Report.